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Calmer of them all he stood at the head of the group, while the others, who had been to each of the others, a tender farewell. Another moment passed, the door closed and the mourners were alone in the hall, separated forever from the one they loved best upon earth.

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With the break of day probably, he will be led forth to his death. The utmost secrecy shrouds every movement of the officers among whom he has been held, but it is known that while Charles McCuie will stand upon the gallows and look his last upon the world, a few only know the hour, the place, and the manner of his execution. It will be late in the day, but the time the crowd gathers, as gather it will, the man will be dead and his body even then on its way to the distant burial place.

#### Will he Confess?

Standing upon the brink of eternity, he will seize this final opportunity to purge his soul of the lie that, if guilty, he has been yet not entirely without confession. It is hinted that such a confession will be made, not from the scaffold, but in a paper that McCuie has already penned, and that, up to today, he kept closely about his person. But this has been the only confession that has been made, and it is a confession that tells in its significance, constant at the hand of the prisoner was a Bible, and no visitor to the cell was allowed to leave without hearing a sentence of the sacred words read to him.

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Upon one passage McCuie dealt with peculiar emphasis, not once, but repeatedly. The words were those of the thirty-second Psalm, and were: "I will confess my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity thou hast not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto thee, and thou wast merciful to the iniquity of my sin." Perhaps here is the answer to the universal query, "Will he confess?" It is a confession that tells in its significance, constant at the hand of the prisoner was a Bible, and no visitor to the cell was allowed to leave without hearing a sentence of the sacred words read to him.

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"I will," he said no later than a day or two ago to a minister whose name is well known in Richmond, and who, through the courtesy of the authorities, was permitted to see him. "I will die cheerfully as I am going to a 'rest'."

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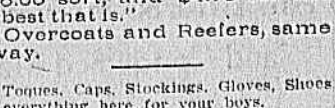
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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

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The scene within the cell was heart-rending. McCuie went bitterly when he was told that there was now no hope for him, but he was quick to recover, and while many in the sorrowful little party broke down, he acted the part of comforter.

He continually spoke of the new and happier life upon the threshold of which he was standing, and then followed the farewells that in the intensity of his sadness can find no adequate expression here.

It was over at last, and the doors closed upon the prisoner and the outside world forever. It cannot be learned definitely whether or not any of the relatives will be present at the hanging. A permit has been issued to Edward O. McCuie and a blank admission card also furnished to him in the event that other members of the family may desire to stand beside the prisoner to the end.

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The letter is as follows:

"Some four years ago my daughter has had headache with seriously interfered with her school work. Until recently we attributed the trouble to eye strain but happening to notice your advertisement of Hyomei we were satisfied that her trouble came from catarrh."

"We purchased a bottle of Hyomei and in twenty-four hours great relief was experienced and the loosening of mucous matter and the reduction of throat inflammation began. Sixty days' use of Hyomei made nearly a complete cure, which we considered very satisfactory for the small amount of expense and fruitless treatment by other methods, and that we feel grateful to put it in print."

MRS.

This letter shows that many cases of sickness and debility are simply caused by catarrh, and that they can be cured by Hyomei. This is nature's own method of curing catarrh, medicating the air you breathe.

A complete outfit, including the inhaler, costs but \$1, and extra bottles are only 50 cents.

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The Governor had no other callers in the interest of the prisoner. The failure of the physicians who went to Charlottesville to gain access to McCuie for the purpose of examining him with reference to his sanity, three days ago, over the efforts of Miss Maehen and Moncreu, and they consequently did not call, as had been expected. They were leaving their fight for a respite on the anticipated report of the experts, and when this was not forthcoming, they had nothing to present to His Excellency in the interest of their client.

There were many letters and petitions galore. They poured in on every mail during the day, many coming by special delivery, and last night there were numerous telegrams and special delivery letters sent to the Mansion, and the Governor's executive clemency.

In view of the decisions of the Governor, Montague has never contemplated further interference, and while it is known that he entertains the deepest sympathy for the family and especially for the little children of the prisoner, he could not be moved from his position. He would not move from his position to the public, and he remained in his office until about the usual hour, for leaving 3 o'clock, ready to receive all who might come, and giving his best consideration to the papers which came through the mails on the subject, and then, at 10 o'clock, he received many other communications.

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